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TAGS: BEXP, BF
SUBJECT: BAHAMAS GOVT PURCHASING FROM U.S. FIRMS

1. EMBASSY IN RECENT MONTHS HAS RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM U.S. FIRMS - MOSTLY BASED IN FLORIDA - OVER LONG DELAYS ENCOUNTERED IN PAYMENTS OF DEBTS INCURRED BY VARIOUS MINISTRIES OF THE BAHAMAS GOVT. IN OUR INVESTIGATION OF THESE COMPLAINTS WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT SERIOUS DELAYS HAVE RESULTED FROM ORDERS OF GOODS AND/OR SERVICES BEING REQUESTED BY VARIOUS BAHAMIAN OFFICIALS OVER THE TELEPHONE WITHOUT PROPER PURCHASE ORDER AUTHORIZATION BEING SECURED FROM THE BAHAMAS TREASURY (MINISTRY OF FINANCE).

2. SO AS TO AVOID DELAYS IN PAYMENTS FOR LEGITIMATELY INCURRED DEBTS, BAHAMAS GOVT RECOMMENDS THAT IN ACCEPTING REQUESTS BY TELEPHONE U.S. FIRMS SHOULD REQUEST THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AT THAT TIME:
(A) THE BAHAMAS TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER:
(B) THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL DOING THE ORDERING.

3. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT WITHOUT PROPER PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER (AND CONSEQUENTLY TREASURY AUTHORIZATION), IT IS POSSIBLE FOR GCOB TO CHALLENGE VALIDITY OF DEBT CLAIMS MADE BY U.S.
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(OR EVEN LOCAL BAHAMIAN) FIRMS. IT IS ONLY WITH PROPER TREASURY PURCHASE ORDERING AUTHORIZATION THAT PAYMENT CAN BE GUARANTEED.

4. ACTION: EMBASSY REQUESTS USDOC TO CONVEY ABOVE INFORMATION TO FIELD OFFICES IN FLORIDA AND

GEORGIA FOR DISSEMINATION THEY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE.
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